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Claims 1 and 8 currently remain in the application. Claims 2-7 and 9 are canceled and claim 1 is herein amended.

The Examiner's rejection of claims 6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112 is a moot point because these claims are herein canceled.

Claims 1-6 were rejected but claims 7 and 8 were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 7 has been changed into an independent form by rewriting independent claim 1 by incorporating the limitations presented in claim 7. Claim 8 now depends from amended claim 1. All the other claims having been canceled, it is believed that the instant Amendment is completely responsive to the Office Action and hence that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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